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April 23, 2010

Mr. Frederic C. Johnson Industrial Mineral developments, Inc. P.O. Box 790111 #2 Dalton Wash Road Virgin, Utah 84779

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We received your plan of operations submittal for Good Earth Minerals, LLC in the Blakes Lambing Grounds area, T. 43 S. R. 17 W. section 24, NW1/4. In the process of reviewing your plan to mine high purity gypsum for the plastics filler market and conducting a site inspection with personnel from the Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining, several points were identified that need to be completely addressed in your plan.

- 1) The proposed mine footprint is not sufficient for operations and storage of topsoil, waste rock, and ore. A facility layout should be included that shows stockpile and processing locations. Provisions for any planned storage of equipment (trucks, trailers, etc.) or supplies should be included.
- 2) The access road is not wide enough to safely accommodate 20 ton haul trucks and other vehicle/recreation traffic. Increasing the access road width and turnout placement options both need to be considered. This will also increase your disturbance acreage.
- 3) Dust control for crushing and screening operations/air quality.
- 4) Operational schedule and anticipated periods of closure.
- 5) Quality assurance plans, measures to maintain the project area in a safe and clean condition, monitoring, plans during non-operation.

The plan will require review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and a formal decision approving the plan before operations begin. At the conclusion of the NEPA process, if the plan is approved, a formal decision will be sent by the St. George Field Office formally stating the mitigation outlined in the Record of Decision (ROD) and the amount of the financial guarantee required. If you have any questions, please call Russell Schreiner at (435) 688-3205.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tyree
Field Manager

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